MARKED-UP CLAIM VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

43. (Amended) Lighting system for illuminating hollow elements such as signs, inscriptions, letters, and relief letters, comprising:

- ~~a number of~~ printed circuit boards having different sizes and provided with different numbers of LEDs in accordance with the different sizes,
- cables for connecting the printed circuit boards to one another and/or for connecting the printed circuit boards to a voltage source,
- attachment elements for attaching the printed circuit boards to a desired location,
- wherein, for illuminating a hollow element, several of the printed circuit boards are selected according to a shape of the hollow element and arranged and connected to one another following the shape of the hollow element, wherein the LEDs are LED chips and have an irradiation angle of more than 150° providing uniform illumination.

59. (Amended) Printed circuit board having a number of LEDs for a system according to claim 43, wherein the LEDs are LED chips and have an irradiation angle of more than 150°, preferably 175° to 180°.

80. (Amended) Illumination method comprising the steps of:

providing ~~a number of~~ printed circuit boards having different sizes and provided with different numbers of LEDs in accordance with the different sizes,

selecting several of the printed circuit boards according to a shape of the hollow element;

arranging and connecting the selected printed circuit boards to one another following the shape of the hollow element and attaching the printed circuit boards to a desired location by attachment elements,

connecting the printed circuit boards ~~to one another and/or~~ to a voltage source by cables;

~~attaching the printed circuit boards to a desired location by attachment elements~~.